Pulse

Episode 6

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YOU'RE... GOING ON ANOTHER TRIP?

YES, DEAR... WE'LL BE GONE LONGER THAN USUAL THIS TIME.

CAN YOU GET ME A SOUVENIR, DAD? I WANT A WHOOOLE BUNCH OF CANDY!

HEHE... REALLY, THIS DAUGHTER OF MINE... FINE, FINE. WE'LL FIND SOME CANDY AND DOLLS FOR YOU.

BE A GOOD GIRL AND LISTEN TO YOUR BROTHER WHILE WE'RE GONE.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR MEDICATION, LYNN.

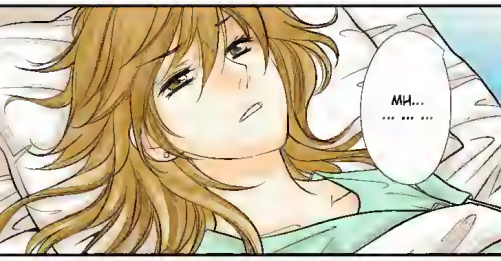
Breaking news: XXX Airways Flight 000...

...suddenly burst into flames and exploded during takeoff. No passengers or crew are expected to have survived.

I DON'T... THINK WE SHOULD LET LYNN KNOW ABOUT THIS YET, AUNTIE.

THE SHOCK MIGHT MAKE HER CONDITION WORSE.

WE SHOULD PLAN THE FUNERAL QUIETLY... AND FIND A WAY TO BREAK IT TO HER IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS.


MH...
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GUH...
WA...TER...
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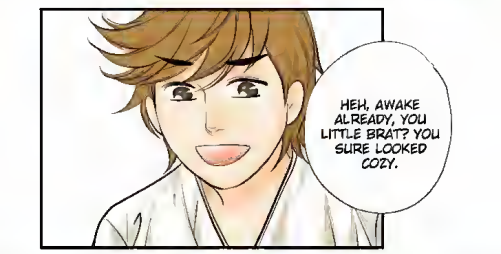
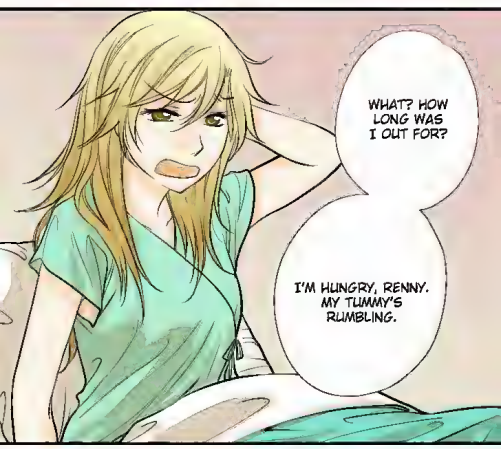
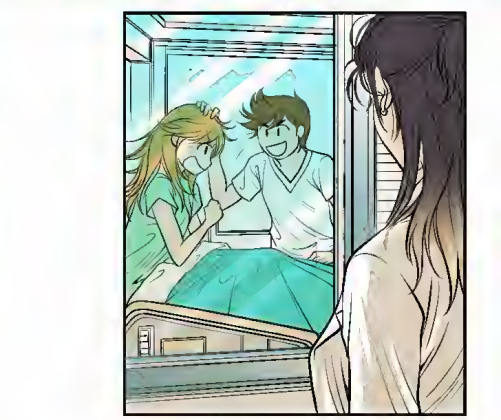
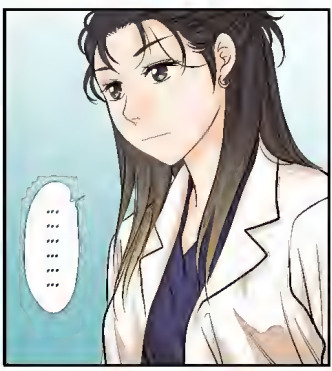

HEH, AWAKE ALREADY, YOU LITTLE BRAT? YOU SURE LOOKED COZY.


WHAT? HOW LONG WAS I OUT FOR?
I'M HUNGRY, RENNY. MY TUMMY'S RUMBLING.



Don't touch me!!
HAHAHA!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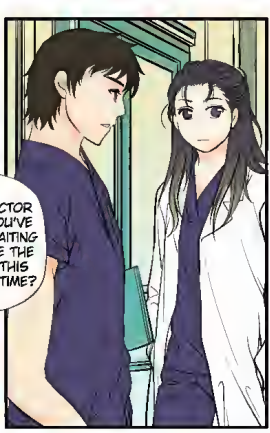
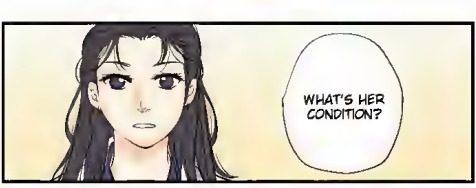
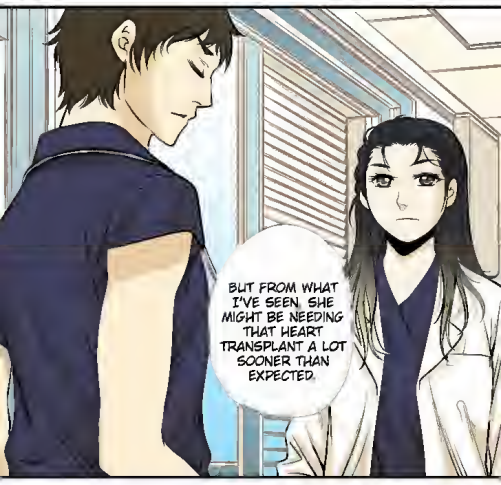
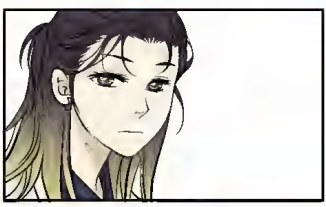
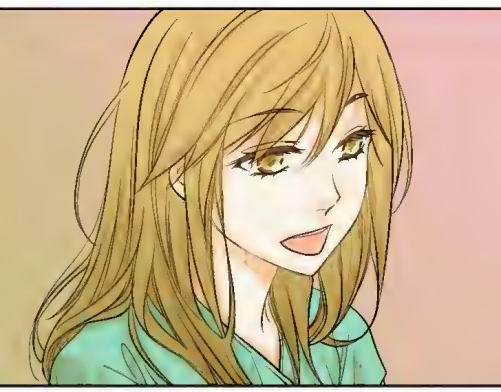

OH, DOCTOR MEL. YOU'VE BEEN WAITING OUTSIDE THE ROOM THIS WHOLE TIME?


WHAT'S HER CONDITION?

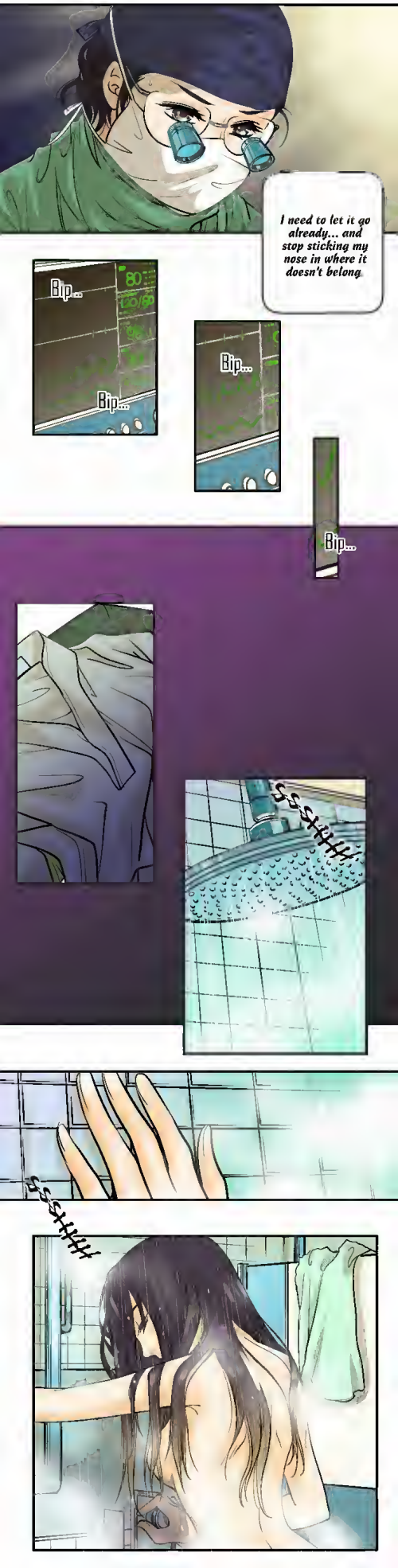
SHE WAS EXHIBITING SOME MINOR SYMPTOMS.
NOTHING TOO SERIOUS JUST YET.


BUT FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN, SHE MIGHT BE NEEDING THAT HEART TRANSPLANT A LOT SOONER THAN EXPECTED.

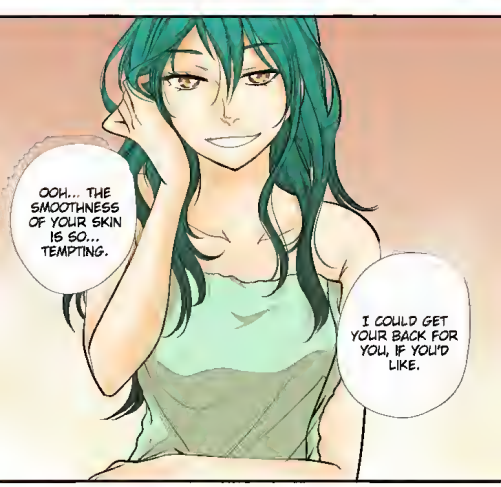




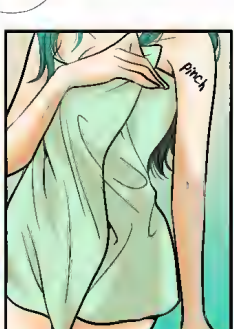
...I don't have to be so concerned about this. She's just one patient.
Besides... I have no reason to get involved. I'm not even in charge of her case.

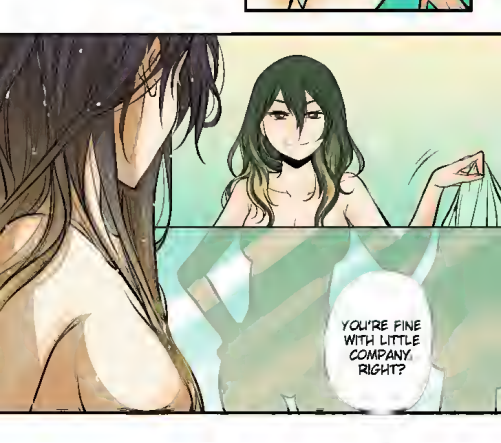

I need to let it go already... and stop sticking my nose in where it doesn't belong
Bip...
Bip...
Bip...
Bip...
SSSHHHH
SSSHHHH

CLICK
OHO... SO THE GOOD DOCTOR REALLY IS TAKING A SHOWER.

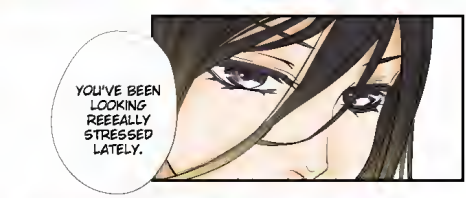

OOH... THE SMOOTHNESS OF YOUR SKIN IS SO... TEMPTING.
I COULD GET YOUR BACK FOR YOU, IF YOU'D LIKE.

Cleaning in Progress

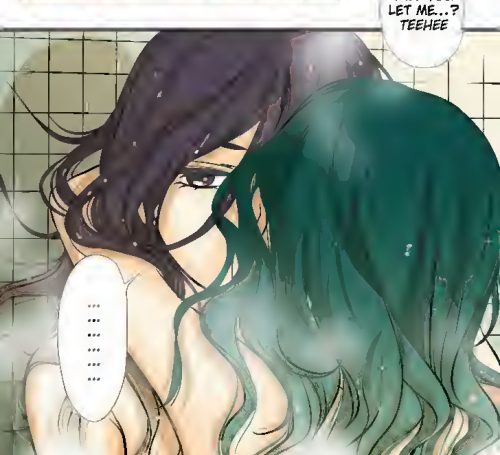

DON'T WORRY.
PINCH
WE'LL BE THE ONLY ONES IN HERE FOR A LITTLE WHILE.


YOU'RE FINE WITH LITTLE COMPANY, RIGHT?

WE SHOULD BE DOING SOMETHING EXCITING WHEN YOU HAVE TIME OFF, YOU KNOW.


YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING REEEALLY STRESSED LATELY.

I CAN HELP YOU RELAX... LET LOOSE... IT'S ALL UP TO YOU.
WILL YOU LET ME...? TEEHEE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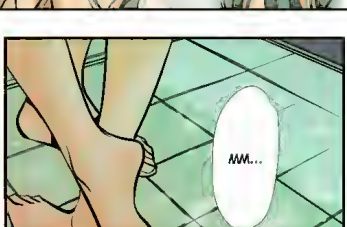
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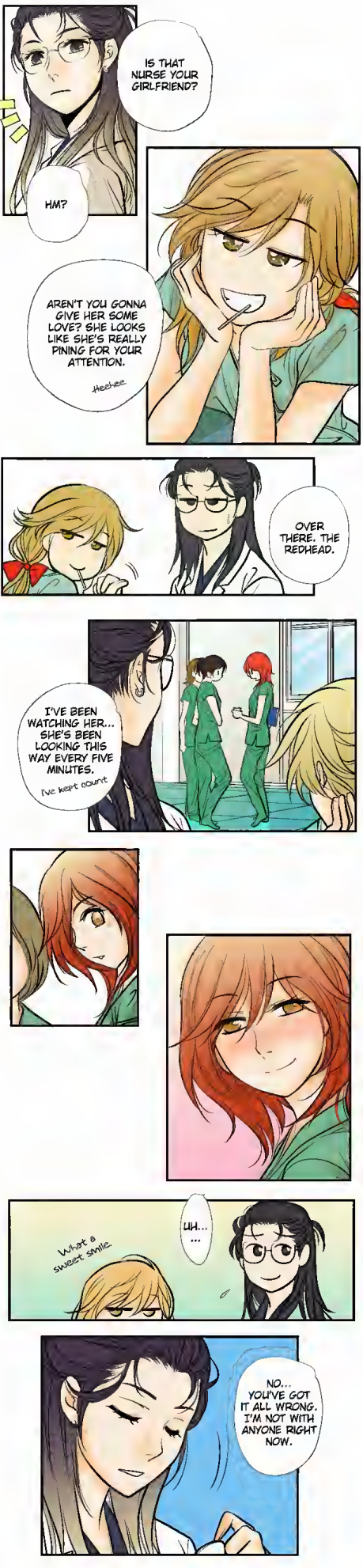
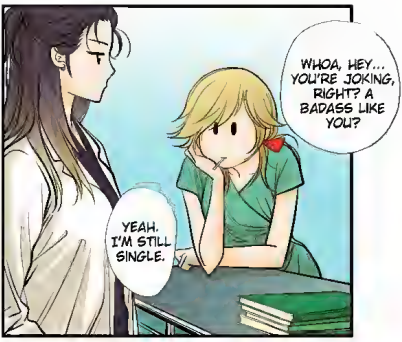
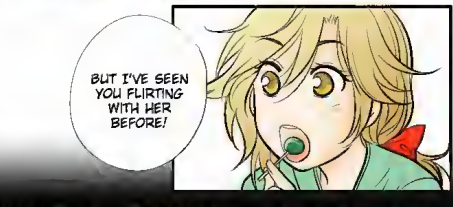
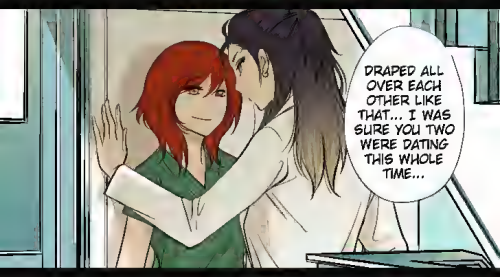
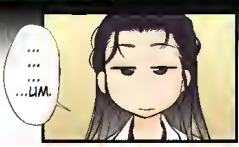
SCRAWL


IS THAT NURSE YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
HM?
AREN'T YOU GONNA GIVE HER SOME LOVE? SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S REALLY PINING FOR YOUR ATTENTION.
Heehee
OVER THERE. THE REDHEAD.
I'VE BEEN WATCHING HER... SHE'S BEEN LOOKING THIS WAY EVERY FIVE MINUTES.
I've kept count
What a sweet smile.
UH... ...
NO... YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG. I'M NOT WITH ANYONE RIGHT NOW.


WHOA, HEY... YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT? A BADASS LIKE YOU?
YEAH. I'M STILL SINGLE.


BUT I'VE SEEN YOU FLIRTING WITH HER BEFORE!


DRAPED ALL OVER EACH OTHER LIKE THAT... I WAS SURE YOU TWO WERE DATING THIS WHOLE TIME...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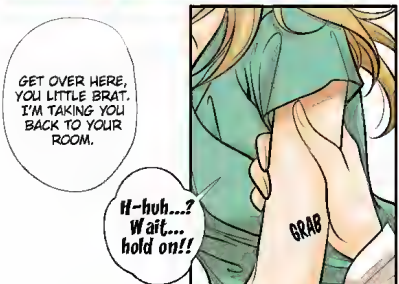
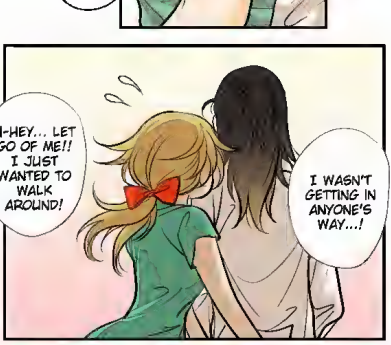
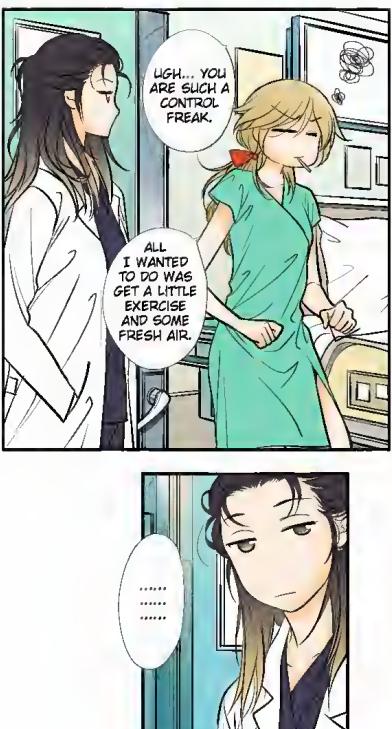
ANYWAY. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
THIS ISN'T A PLACE YOU SHOULD BE WALTZING YOUR WAY INTO. PEOPLE HAVE JOBS TO DO.


GET OVER HERE, YOU LITTLE BRAT. I'M TAKING YOU BACK TO YOUR ROOM.
H-huh...? Wait... hold on!!
GRAB


H-HEY... LET GO OF ME!! I JUST WANTED TO WALK AROUND!
I WASN'T GETTING IN ANYONE'S WAY...!


UGH... YOU ARE SUCH A CONTROL FREAK.
ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS GET A LITTLE EXERCISE AND SOME FRESH AIR.

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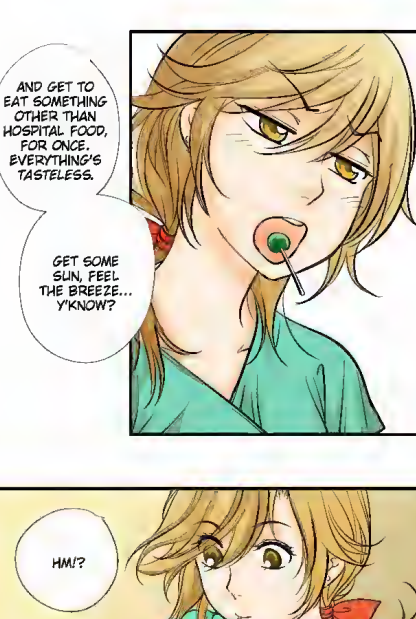
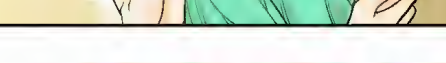
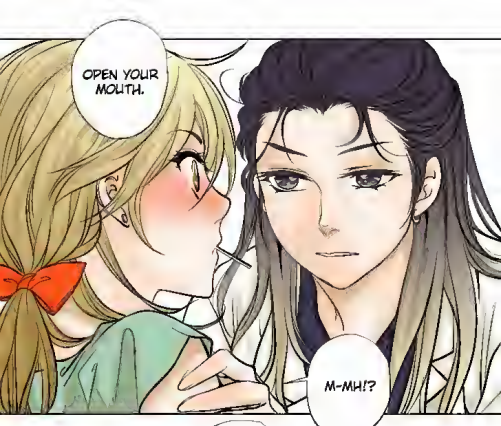
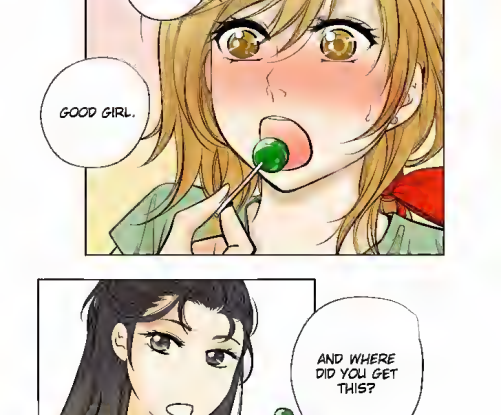

YOU WOULDN'T KNOW HOW BORING IT IS BEING COOPED UP ALL DAY IN A LITTLE WHITE ROOM LIKE THIS, ANYWAY.
STAYING IN BED, DAY AFTER DAY... I WANT TO OGLE THE NURSES TOO, Y'KNOW!

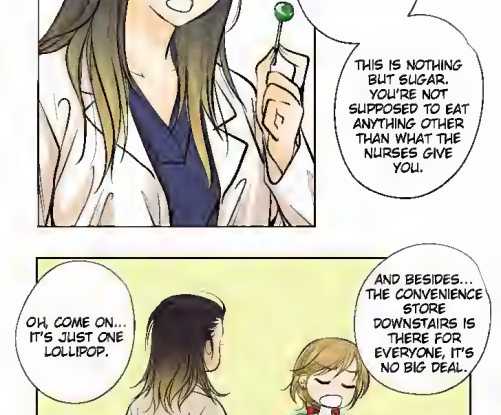

AND GET TO EAT SOMETHING OTHER THAN HOSPITAL FOOD, FOR ONCE. EVERYTHING'S TASTELESS.
GET SOME SUN, FEEL THE BREEZE... Y'KNOW?

HM!?


OPEN YOUR MOUTH.
M-MH!?

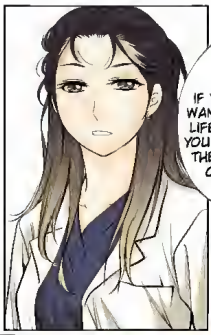
OPEN IT. NOW.
U-UHH...


AHHH...?
GOOD GIRL.

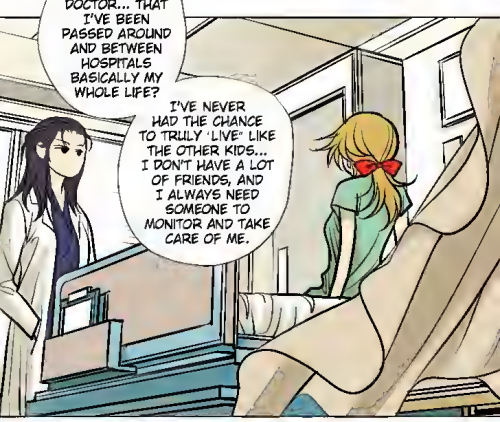

AND WHERE DID YOU GET THIS?
THIS IS NOTHING BUT SUGAR. YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO EAT ANYTHING OTHER THAN WHAT THE NURSES GIVE YOU.

OH, COME ON... IT'S JUST ONE LOLLIPOP.
AND BESIDES... THE CONVENIENCE STORE DOWNSTAIRS IS THERE FOR EVERYONE, IT'S NO BIG DEAL.

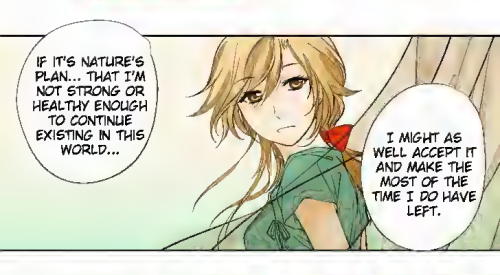
BOO... I'M GETTING SICK OF ALL THESE RULES.
NO THIS, NO THAT... I'M STARTING TO THINK THIS IS MORE OF A PRISON THAN A HOSPITAL.
FOOF
WHEN CAN I JUST LIVE MY LIFE LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE?

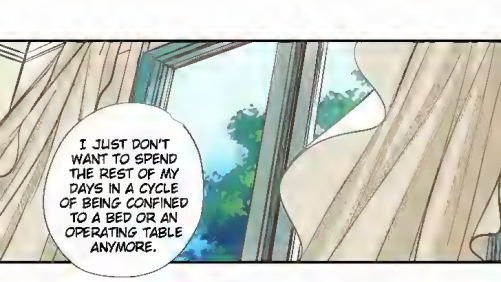

IF YOU REALLY WANT A NORMAL LIFE AS BAD AS YOU SAY YOU DO, THEN SIGN THE CONTRACT.

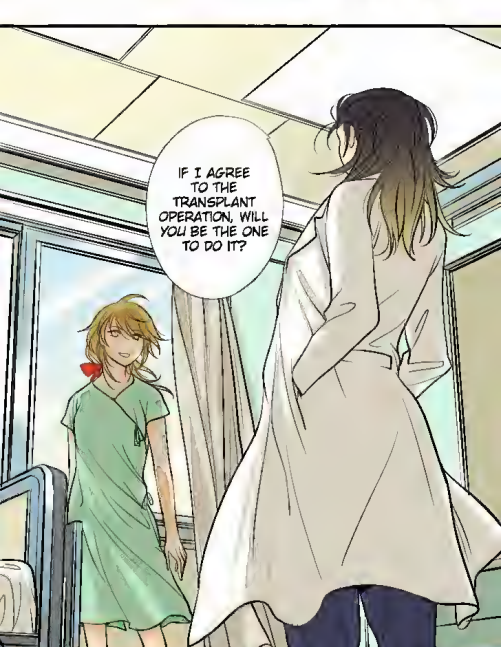
WHY ARE YOU REFUSING THE OPERATION WHEN YOUR NAME'S ALREADY ON THE WAITING LIST?
THERE'S A WHOLE WORLD OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL FULL OF THINGS FOR YOU TO LEARN AND ENJOY. DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE MISSING OUT?


DO YOU UNDERSTAND, DOCTOR... THAT I'VE BEEN PASSED AROUND AND BETWEEN HOSPITALS BASICALLY MY WHOLE LIFE?
I'VE NEVER HAD THE CHANCE TO TRULY 'LIVE' LIKE THE OTHER KIDS... I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS, AND I ALWAYS NEED SOMEONE TO MONITOR AND TAKE CARE OF ME.

IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T SEE THE VALUE OF LIFE. IT'S BECAUSE I KNOW HOW MUCH IT'S WORTH THAT I'M DOING THIS...


IF IT'S NATURE'S PLAN... THAT I'M NOT STRONG OR HEALTHY ENOUGH TO CONTINUE EXISTING IN THIS WORLD...
I MIGHT AS WELL ACCEPT IT AND MAKE THE MOST OF THE TIME I DO HAVE LEFT.





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